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### KEEP IT BEFORE THE PUBLIC.

The aggregate carrier delivery cire culation of The Evening Bee is double the aggregate carrier delivery elreulation of the Evening World-Herald and more than six times World-Herald in Omaha and South Omnha.

The carrier delivery circulation of by the Morning World-Herald.

More than 9,000 earrier delivery subscribers to The Omaha Evening Bee and The Omaha Morning Bee are World-Herald or the Evening World-

dailies, morning and evening, sold by dealers and newsboys.

all right.

The republicans of Ohlo are to be congratulated.

Ohlo has also vindicated the right of popular self-government.

The voice of the people is still a potent force in every state of the union, including Ohio.

ably now wishes he had not pledged lerism. himself to the Chicago platform. An organization of McVicar colored

republicans has been formed in Des Moines. Isn't this a new color of poll-Robert E. Lee Herdman is beginning

to see a large area of low barometer have to work for a living. As if In fear that Canada might be

tipped up when the rush to the Klonstarted in Toronto that Labrador abounds in gold.

The annexation enthusiasts should not forget that it takes a two-thirds majority of the United States senate to ratify a treaty between this country and a foreign nation.

Debate for the benefit of the ple counter brigade has at last been closed and the strain on the galleries of the national house of representatives will be temporarily relieved.

Senator Hanna made a reputation for political innovations as manager of the presidential campaign. His senatorial doubt." It is not so much a question campaign, too, marks a few new de- of wages here, nor of the superior enpartures in political skirmishing.

It is to be hoped that every national bank director just elected will appreci. mining goes deeper and grows more exate the responsibilities devolving upon pensive, in this country new surface the position as emphasized by the judi- mines are being constantly opened, like cial decisions of the past few years.

The report of the adjutant general of Britain secured the control she long Iowa shows that Iowa has 295,031 men | held of the iron and steel market of subject to military duty, while the or- the world because with an abundant ganized militia numbers 2,498 enlisted and accessible supply of coal and iron, men and officers. Iowa could put a cheap labor and superior transportation quarter million soldiers into the field facilities she could produce and deliver for defense of the nation and still have goods more cheaply than any other counmen and boys left to till the farms and try. These advantages she no longer feed the live stock.

next summer at the exposition will be American competition and this is cerone sent by the United States govern- tain to grow. American manufacturers, ment to show the landsmen from the recognizing their opportunity, will confarms and fields of the interior what tinue to press forward and there can manner of instrument the government | be no question that in time this country provides for the marines who might will outstrip England in the Iron and some day be called upon to protect the steel trade of the world. The causes American flag and American commerce which are leading to this are presistible, on the high sens.

The people of Montana are proud of Bryce, who is of course a free trader, the record of their state in 1897, when that "America is seriously handicapped more than \$70,000,000 worth of products by a high protective tariff," is not paswere sold from the ranches, ranges, farms and mines. When they figured up the iron and steel industry in this counfor the year they were pleased to learn try is due to the policy of protection that the loss by reason of the decline and whatever may be thought of the in the price of silver was more than wisdom or necessity of continuing that now. made up by the value added to wool policy so far as this industry is conand lead through the operation of the cerned, nobody, we presume, will serinew tariff law, and the natural advance ously contend that our great iron and Russia in China. The Chinese, like the nain value of the numerous other products of the state makes a good showing of without it. Protection has placed us in are lower in the scale of intelligence than the prosperity in the first year of the Mc a position to compete with England in latter. Kinley administration. Montana is not foreign markets and it is hardly logical. merely a "mining camp."

SENATOR HANNA.

contest waged on the part of the four opponents of Mr. Hanna from now supplying three-fourths of the home and then into his large special signifisenate as the choice of a very large majority of Ohlo republicans, who declared party is to be congratulated upon the bedrock of our entire system of selffailure of the conspirators to defeat its government.

abuse and vilification, but he has routed Declaration of Independence, the bill his enemies and he will justify the con- of rights and the constitution of Nefidence of his friends. That he is a braska, Judge Scott reaffirms the docsenate can be confidently predicted. A the state before it had a written conhighly successful business man, his stitution, and their right to govern 11 judgment in regard to practical affairs themselves under proper legislative after Bishop Potter and the rest would better will have great weight in that body, limitations can not be abridged or dewhile his sterling republicanism assures nied by any act that deprives teem of his earnest support of all party policies. the choice of local officers or imposes Ohio will be worthily and creditably upon them taxes for the support of murepresented in the national senate by nicipal government through state-ap-Hon. M. A. Hanna.

SPANISH INTOLERANCE. It appears that the Spaniards in Cuba, who if possible are more intolerant greater than the aggregate earrier than those in Spain, are incensed at the delivery circulation of the Morning distribution of relief by American consuls, regarding it as a pretext for interference in Cuban affairs. Of course The Evening Bee reaches 7,934 bona these people deny that there is any such fide subscribers that are not reached suffering in the island as reported, but by the Evening World-Herald and this is too well attested to admit of 7,616 subscribers that are not reached any doubt. Indeed it is probable that the newspaper correspondents, instead of exaggerating, have told very much less than the facts would justify. The not reached either by the Morning statement of Mr. Russell of the department of justice at Washington, who has just returned from Cuba, shows that It goes without saying that the num- there is a most deplorable condition of ber of copies of The Evening Bee or affairs there. Mr. Russell's investiga-The Morning Bee sold by dealers and tions in the island covered two weeks newsboys exceeds by a very consider- and his account of the distress and sufable the number of World-Herald fering he saw is pathetically impressive. Such testimony is not to be doubted and certainly no one will be disposed to ac-What's the matter with Hanna? He's cept Spanish statements in contradiction of it. So far as the Spaniards in Cuba are concerned it is not probable that any attention will be paid to their indignation by the imperial government, which knows that if they could have their way Weyler would be returned to Cuba and his policy renewed, perhaps with added features of cruelty and brutality. These Cuban Spanlards have not the slightest sympathy with the policy of the Sagasta government and would Mayor McKisson of Cleveland prob- heartily welcome a restoration of Wey-

AMERICAN COMPETITION WITH ENG-LAND.

shead, with the prospect that he will ports of manufactures, especially the government that the damage was done market and undersold the domestic man- damage will hardly bear investigation, dike placers begins, the story has been orders coming from England to the ing was instigated by the agents of the United States for electrical plants and Turkish government, and that it might for steel pipes and he might have told rails had been sold in England.

become quite as serious for British ords. manufacturers as Prof. Bryce fears. This is particularly true of the iron and steel industry, in which the United States has distinct advantages over England. An English newspaper a short time ago said that "everything points to the United States remaining the cheapest steel producing country in the world and of this there can be no ergy and skill of American workmen, as of the greater abundance of accessible coal and iron ore. While British those at the head of Lake Superior and in the southern mountains. Great possesses and her iron and steel industry is menaced on every side. It is Among other "big guns" to be seen confronted with German as well as

In view of what is being accomplished in this direction the observation of Prof. ticularly forceful. The development of

steel industry could have been built up

represent Ohlo in the United States high protective tariff. The practical United States will not be forced out of bosisenate, having been elected for both the results certainly contradict this view ness. short and long terms. This outcome of and it is by these that the merits of one of the bitterest and most indefensi- our economic policy must be judged. ble senatorial contests ever known-a Protection created the iron and steel incontest waged on the part of the re- dustry as it has the tinplate industry,

The decision rendered by the equity for him through their representatives in division of the district court in declarstate convention and at the polls. The ing unconstitutional the provision of the plurality of 10,000 by which the republicharter for cities of the metropolitan Beans won the legislature was given for class which vests the appointment of Mr. Hanna and was a mandate to every the members of the Board of Fire and republican in that body to support him. Police Commissioners in the governor Had all of them recognized their duty will attract attention not only in and at the outset manfully declared Omaha, but in all parts of the country. their purpose to discharge it the fac- While it affects primarily the control tional fight on Mr. Hanna would have of two of the most important depart-

In reaching the conclusion that a com-Senator Hanna has been the object of mission appointed by the governor cona vast amount of wholly unwarranted travenes the letter and spirit of the pointed officers. In a nutshell, Judge Scott holds that if the members of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners are municipal officers, to be paid salaries out of the city treasury, their titles must be derived from the people of the city through their duly elected officers. If they are not municipal officers, but state officers, their appointment by the governor is void because it not only violates the principle of home rule, but is also in conflict with the constitution itself. The constitution of Nebraska prohibits the legislature from creating any new state offices and the appointments of all officers provided for by the constitution must be subject to confirmation by the state senate.

> This would seem to be good law and sound reasoning. The voluminous citations in support of the right of local self-government can not readily be brushed aside. But even if the home rule doctrine did not apply to the case, the constitutional prohibitions are not only in point, but conclusive.

> From the political standpoint, Judge Scott's position is in accord with Jeffersonian democracy, which opposes all cal self-government as the safeguard of popular sovereignty. In snuffing out Governor Holcomb's reform police commission Judge Scott may have smashed a political machine, but it is doubtful whether even Governor Holcomb would take issue with him on the question of constitutional law and the principle of home rule.

President Angell, United States minster to Turkey, finds that the job of British alarm at the growing competi- collecting the claims of Americans or tion of the United States with England account of burned mission buildings in in the world's markets, as voiced by Asia Minor is not an easy one, and has Prof. Bryce, is well founded. This asked his government for instructions country has made notable progress in about applying greater pressure to the the last two or three years in the ex- Porte. The pretense of the Turkish products of iron, American manufac- by rioters when the government was turers having even invaded the English doing all in its power to prevent such ufacturers. Prof. Bryce spoke of large for the belief is general that the riot have been prevented easily had the govhis audience also that American steel ernment really desired to save life and property. But there are things easier said than proved, and Minister Augell As to American competition with England in foreign markets it promises to will have to make his case on the rec-

Congress is to be asked to enact addi tional legislation to regulate the practice of patent attorneys. The need of such legislation was emphasized by the recent disbarment of the firm of Wedderburn & Co. for swindling operations after a searching investigation, revealing systematic imposture and extensive crooked work. Credulous inventors are entitled to protection from sharks who prev upon their ignorance under pretense of government sanction, and it should be made obligatory on the commissioner of patents to shut the doors against every attorney caught in questionable patent business.

The Interstate Commerce commission has once more found a southern railroad guilty of violating the long and short haul clause of the interstate law. So far so good. But when it comes to putting its decree into force, the railroad will point to the last report of the commission in which it declares itself powerless to compel obedience to its orders in any case in which the railroad prefers to defy or ignore them.

# A Delnyed "War."

New York Mail and Express, As yet the terrible war between Secretary Gage and certain western senators is confined entirely to the minds of imaginative The hostilities haven't even

#### Chicago's Idea of Merit. Chicago Times-Herald.

The Buffalo Express rays: "A Chicago

reached the typewriter stage

court has just sent a new to the predien sense; the charge was burg'ary. If a Ch I bigamy he probably would be sent to con-

Oriental Competition a Myth India's competition was a bugbear which rightened some timid Americans fifteen or wenty years ago, but nobody thinks of i same way. What British enterprise and capi tal have failed to accomplish in India will not be achieved by Germany, France and tives of England's big Asiatic proxince, be-long to an inferior race. In fact, the former When a person of an inferior race geta the education and the skill which would make him a dangerous rival of the Caucasian

of that country under free trade, to acquire the babits which make him, like the SALE OF SECURITIES POSTPONED. Hon. M. A. Hanna will continue to say that America is handleapped by a white man, a lawish consumer. Even if China

An Aid to Surgery.

The sad death of an eminent clergyman in New York a few months ago, caused a by the slipping of a cork into his larnyx personal motives—will be exceedingly demand and which in a few years will conce to the operation performed last week on a child in Gharlotte, N. C., for a similar trouble on a child in Gharlotte, N. C., for a similar trouble on a child in Gharlotte, N. C., for a similar trouble. The foreign substance, a thimble, was readily located by means of the Rocatello peration. It was a marked instance of the value of the state of the same trouble. The foreign substance of the Rocatello peration, it was a marked instance of the value of the same trouble. The operation performed last week on a child in Gharlotte, N. C., for a similar trouble. The foreign substance, a thimble, was readily located by means of the Rocatello peration. It was a marked instance of the value of the control of t of Prof. Roentgen's discovery to medical science and to haman life.

### Paying for the Union Pacific.

The last payment in settlement of the Union Pacific debt to the government was concluded Friday. Within less than two months \$58,000,000 has been passed over to the government on this account, and with little or no disturbing effect on the money market. But this was made possible only should not be stopped. Argument on through the employment of depository banks | plication took place yester ay and at its close to receive the money and thus keep it largely within the call of the market. If the subtreasury system of the government been averted, greatly to the advantage ments of our municipal government, it had been strictly adhered to, such a transof republicanism in Ohio. As it is, the enunciates principles that go to the action could not have been effected without causing a disastrous squeeze in money.

### An Eye-Opener for Anglophobes.

Bishop Potter of New York is not the onl American who of late has indulged in public praise of the superiority of the British gov erument over our own, and has held up Great Britain as politically considered a land of oure delight. Yet in Dublin, if recout refidence of his friends. That he is a political manager of extraordinary tact and skill everybody admits and that he will prove to be a useful man in the towns and cities were organic units of the particular style of fraud corpetrated was investigation by the Chicago police later in bloom, I recut the bave been murdered by a tramp. Yesterday ports may be believed, election frauds have been murdered by a tramp. Yesterday ports may be believed, election frauds have been murdered by a tramp. Yesterday ports may be believed, election frauds have been murdered by a tramp. Yesterday ports may be believed, election frauds have been murdered by a tramp. Yesterday ports may be believed, election frauds have been murdered by a tramp. Yesterday ports may be believed, election frauds have been murdered by a tramp. Yesterday ports may be believed, election frauds have been murdered by a tramp. Yesterday ports may be believed, election frauds have been murdered by a tramp. Yesterday ports may be believed, election frauds have been murdered by a tramp. Yesterday ports may be believed, election frauds have been murdered by a tramp. Yesterday ports may be believed, election frauds have been murdered by a tramp. Yesterday ports may be believed, election frauds have been murdered by a tramp. Yesterday ports may be believed, election frauds have been murdered by a tramp. Yesterday ports may be believed, election frauds have been murdered by a tramp. Yesterday ports may be believed, election frauds have been committed—and by the government morning Mrs. Wollertt, who lives on a farm that the particular style of fraud corperated was formed in the position frauds have been murdered by a tramp. Yesterday ports may be believed, election frauds have been committed—and by the government morning Mrs. Wollertt, who lives on a farm that have been committed—and by the government morning Mrs. Wollertt, who lives on a farm that have been committed—and by the government morning Mrs. Wollertt, who lives on a farm morning Mrs. Wollertt, who lives o d was Investigation by the Chicago police later in with the day upset the tramp theory and the the stuffing of the registration bogus names and the amount of square perdury involved was something enormous. Here- choked the child into insensibility with her

### STATE DEBT OF SOUTH DAKOTA. How the Bonds Have Been Places

and for What Purpose. The total debt of the state of South Dakota the sum of \$1,011,600 es follows: per cent Agricultural college bonds.\$

Agricultural college bonds. Agricultural college bonds.

Reform School bonds.

Deaf Mute bonds.

School of mines bonds.

University bonds. Penitentiary bonds Penitentiary bonds ...... Insane Asylum bonds..... Deficiency
Soldiers' Home
Territorial Debt bonds...
Territorial Debt bonds... Taylor bonds ...... 98,000

Of those, says the Yunkton Gazette, it will be seen \$99,000 draw 5 per cent, \$322,100 draw 41/2 per cent, \$362,500 draw 4 per cent, and \$227,50 draw 314 per cent, the total annual of interest charge being \$49,375.

Total.....\$1,611,600

Three hundred and twenty-three thousand six hundred dollars of the same is now payable at the option of the state and there w: January 1 (reported unofficially), \$157,000 in the state treasury applicable to the pay ment of bonded intebtedness. The remainder falls due at intervals until November 1, 1912, and there is every reason to hope that the entire state debt will be wiped out at maturity.

The above discloses a condition of which every citizen may be proud. The entire ma chinery of the state has been set up. A ful centralizing tendencies and upholds lo- line of state institutions has been maintained, the state debt inherited from the territory has been protected, all without burdensome taxaffon and at the end of eight ears of statehood during which a season of exceptionally hard times has been passed. no new obligations incurred. South Dakota i is all right in the minagement of her state finances as she is in the other conditions.

### PROFITS IN MEAT PACKING.

Development of Dressed Ment and Packing Industries.

The business of the next to the largest cacking and dressed meat ecocern in the of revival in 1896 the real movement did not world amounted to \$121,000,000 last year, and begin until in 1897, when it became certain quarterly dividend of 11/2 per cent has just een declared on the company's \$15,000,000 capital stock. That is at the rate of 6 per ent a year, and is equal to net returns of \$900,000 to the stockholders. The sum looka very large, but it is less than 1 per cent of company's gross business for the year. and therefore is really a very small propor-tion of profits. The fact that 1 per cent of the company's aggregate sales is sufficient to pay a reasonable dividend on its big capital llustrates the cossibilities of small profits or n immense volume of business, and explain why the big concerns can drive the small nes out of business. A country butcher ould not do business without many times that percentage of profits, and that is wh here are so few country butchers vhereas, a few years ago, there was one or nore in nearly every country town. It explains, also, why cattle and hogs are shipped to the cities for slaughter, and the meats from them sent back over the same road to the country towns from which the

The enormous development of the dressed meat and packing industries in the control of a few men is due almost wholly to the immense saving of labor and material, resuling from doing business on a large scale The great packers make such a small net profit on each animal slaughtered that they are able to overcome the cost of transportaion from country to city and back to th

harvested on their ample prairies last year country and yet do the business cheaper than wds \$105,000,000 for Minnesota, \$60,000,000 for North Dakota and \$40,000,000 for South he country butcher can do it, What is true of the business of preparing Dakota. The grand total of \$205,000,000 for their wheat, their corn and their potatoes neats for the use of men is true also of every other great industry that has been develope few master organizers in this age of trusts and combinations. their returns from hogs, cattle, sheep, butter,

# CONFIDENCE AT HOME.

Significance of the Purchase of the Union Pacific.

We pointed out on Friday that the money ith which the Union Pacific railroad wes night, with the exception of about \$5,000,000 of European subscriptions to the syndicate raid in by members of the reorganization committee and by bankers and individual capitalists, chiefly in New York, who have infidence in the future of the property. was a big transletion, but it was ot for its bigness so much as for its ex

What right laves we to complain of Eng lish capitalists who are afraid to invest their money in American securities so long as we plainly show that we have not very much confidence in them our elves? We took occu-sion the other day to demonstrate that the fact that we are loaning millions of dollars in Europe at from 8 to 4% per cent gives is no occasion for boasting. We ought to see all the money we can raise at home and abroad in American enterprises-creative constructive, and productive. The country northwestern states have another advantage is still new and twidescloped. We ought to in that singular natural law which makes make 8 per cent on our own money and bor-ow large sums in Europe at 4 or 5 per cent and make 8 per ceat on that, too.

entil we make it perfectly clear that we in-tend to pay it back, dollar for dollar, not in silver, but in gold. The best possible evilence we can give her of our full intention and ability to cay dollar for dollar free investment of American capital in American enterprises. That shows that we have no bound to increase the commercial importance with fatted calves. If not, if they have lack of confidence. It will inspire Europe of the northwest by affording new markets "swaggered" back unrepentant, neither fa with confidence. The lending out of American money at low rates in London and Berlin inspires Europe with a lack of confidence.

The investment of more than \$50,000,000 of fresh American capital in the Union Pacific rels of flour from Hong Keng. As the nexth-

in view of the declining export trade as a producer he begins to feel the needs and and ability to develop our national resources. them their good fortune.

BRYANISMS AND ST. JACKSON.

\$15,000,000 of securities set for today. The

intervention made today in the United States

court it will not be taken then.

187,000 outstanding collateral notes.

particulars.

Chevenne, \$8

Minnesota.

or private sale, whichever they deemed best,

The unsecured creditors filed a motion to

Shoots Her.

woman was arrested and confessed.

Endorse Fusion in Minnesota.

dorsed by the state central committee

THE RICHES OF THE WEST.

Favorites of Prosperity.
\* Louisville Courier-Journal.

investors and professional operators. The

ginning to have a great deal to spend.

Speculation and investment advanced the

value of railway stocks 25 to 50 per cent in the "Grangers," and the increase in bank

clearings became enormous. Deposits began

wheat harvest and

comparatively

despised Kansas, the vagaries of whose poli-

cians bad made it the laughing stock of

bonkrupt, sprang into a position of case and affluence which made it possible to discharge

great proportion of its mortgages and hear

p millions of money in its country banks

The value of the Konsas wheat crop wes over \$50,000,000, but the corn crop was worth

vastly more, though there was no such re-

equal abundance, and the supplies were so

commercial activity. The experience of Kan-sas was duplicated in Nebraska, and these

two clates, of whose future the unthinking

remainder of the country had despaired, soon led every other in point of business revival

It was the same though in a less degree

with the three states that now consiliute the heart of the new northwest—the two

Dakotus and Minnesota. According to care-

alone means an average of \$900 for each

former in those states, to say nothing of

\$7,000,000 last year. The mining states, which, Senator Teller

when the government quit taying their silver

of \$92,000,000 from her underground treasury in addition to the value of her wheat and

blackness of the freshly furrowed soil. These

ful estimates, the market value

normous that the whole state was soon

vival in its price. Hogs and cattle were

themselves

o grow with marvelous rapidity, and with

that followed farmers found

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Belittling His Own Country. NEW YORK, Jan. 12 .- The intervention of And yet in the face of unimpeachable Mr. Bryan has the effrontery to unsecured creditors of the Union Pacific at stand before an American audience and dethe last moment has prevented the sale of

sale his been postponed to January 25, but thus belittle the achievements of his own there is a possibility that on account of the countrymen? Has he gone blind, deaf and

The securities are a part of the \$5,000,000 A Ludierous Celebration. involved in the suit brought by J. P. Morgan & Co. and others to foreclose under the collateral trust deed issued by the Union Pacific But even more ludicrous than the omission to celebrate the 8th of January in Phila-delphia was the celebration of it in Chicago. company in 1881, and were to be sold under Judge Licombe's authorization to redeem \$3,with William J. Bryan and men of his political stripe making speeches laudatory Some time ago the court signed a decree giving the Union Pacific Railroad company five days to redeem the notes in question. This was not done, and the trustees, of whom of Jackson, who would have hung a re-pudiationist almost as quickly as he would have hung a secessionist when South Carolina attempted to nullify the laws of the J. P. Morgan is the special master, were directed to dispose of the securities at auction

#### A Chenp Bulldozer,

show cause why the sale of the securities Ever since Mr. William J. Bryan first beame a conspicuous political figure he has shown a marked incapacity for discussing, in a broad and logical way, great public Judge Lacombe acnounced that he would most likely render a decision on the motion questions. Through this incapacity, or what is worse, a deliberate purpose to deceive bext Saturday, which it is believed will amend the bill of sale in several important rather than instruct, he has chosen exceptional or isolated phases of prevailing conditions and dwelt upon them with his barbecue eloquence without analyzing their relations to the whole problems, or series of MOTHER MURDERS STEPDAUGHTER. Chokes Her to Insensibility and Then problems. In this respect he has followed the example of the cheap ward bulldozer who ALGONQUIN, Ill., Jan. 12.-Mrs. Chrispresumes upon the ignorance of his audience opher Wollertt last night confessed that she topher Wollertt last night confessed that she and relies upon his powers of misrepresenta-had killed Louise Wollertt, her 13-year-old tion to make his words convincing. stepdaughter, who was at first thought to

#### Popoeracy and Greenbacks.

have been murdered by a tramp. Yesterday Chicago Tribune (rep. Bryan alleged in his Saturday night opeech that the 6,500,000 men who voted for him in 1896 voted against the retirement of the greenbacks. Not at all. This retirement was not one of the kaues of the campaign. What the Bryanites voted for incidentally was the redemption of the greenbacksapron strings and then fired several shots The redeemed at all-in cheap silver dollars, inleave off singing "God Save the Queen" and toma revolver into the girl's body. The tune their notes to "Hail Columbia."

| Columbia \$346,000,000. If redeemed in Bryanite dollars they would be worth only \$138,500,000. Since PENSIONS FOR WESTERN VETERANS. the Bryanites want to deprive the greenbacks of at least three-fifths of their value, Survivors of Late War Remembered it is evident they cannot have much real love for that currency. The less Bryan has by the General Government. WASHINGTON, Jan. 12,-(Special)-Pento say about his affection for the greenbacks sions have been issued as follows: Issue of December 24, 1887; Nebraska-Increase: Isaac Zion, Stanton, the better.

#### Refuted by History. St. Louis Globe-Democrat

36 to 88. Iowa—Original: Charley E. Adams, Car-roll, 36: John L. Glasener, Guthrie Center, 38. Original widows, etc., restoration and reissue: Minors of John Urbain, Pekay, 316. "Secreary Gage knows that the gold standard was adopted in the United States vithout any party ever asking for it." 816. Montana-Original, special December 31: s one of Bryan's assertions in his Chicago address. Let us show how history demolishes James Wilson, Martinsdale, 38, Colorado-Original: David C, Trevett, his statement. In a speech in the senate in favor of the bill which became the gold re-storation act of 1834, a well-known states-Issue of December 23: Issue of December 23: Iowa-Original: Richard H Warden, Ot-tumwa, 38, Reissue: Milton H, Ross, Hampton, \$17, man declared that the object of that measure was "to enable the friends of gold to go to work at the right place to effect the recov-MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 12.-Fusion of all of European kings now possess, which the citizens of the young republics now possess. silver elements in Minnesota is officially enbut which the yosmanry of this America have been deprived of for more than twenty Chairman Rossing made the announcement years, and will be deprived of forever unemphatically at the Jackson banquet early less they discover the cause of the evil, this morning. William J. Bryan in his speech concluded at 2 a. m., devoted conapply the remedy to its root." The author of these wor's was an abler and better demo-erat than Bryan, and was the leader of siderable time to endorsing the fusion idea and illustrating its efficacy by the results in Nebraska. This is regarded as a decisive Jackson's forces in the senate. His name was Thomas H. Benton. blow to the adoption of the Ohio plan in

#### Mexican Labor and Silver. Minneapolis Tribun Mr. Bryan does not claim that the wages

Centucky Sends Greeting to the of common laborers are higher in Mexico than in the United States, but he says the working people are more prosperous because they can live cheaper. This hardly bears out The most casual newspaper readers have bserved that the northwest has come most into prominence in the agricultural revival, which is turning the great panic into proswould give us an era of rising prices. Mexico has had an exclusive silver and paper currency for many years, and yet Mr. Bryan perity. Wall street was the first to take tells us that clothing and food are cheaper ognizance of the changed order of things there than in the United States under th when two years and more ago speculation became so active in the stocks of that group of railroa's known as "Grangers," and which gold standard. How is this? Cheap cloth ing and food is of course good for the con-sumer, but is it good for the farmer and manufacturer? The doctrine taught us by low supplant all others in the favor both the silver orators in the last campaign was about it, jext to realize what was transpiring were the merchants and manufacturers, who saw that the people of the northwest were bethat free silver would give us an era of rising prices, better wages for the man, better prices for the farmer and manu-However, they were still hampered by the facturer, and that thus all would be able to live more comfortably. But now Mr. Bryan debts which had involved them since the ursting of the great real estate speculation, comes back from Mexico with the message hat the Mexican laborer is prosperou and though there were very distant evidences because prices are lower there with a silver currency and he can live more cheaply. Is that it was to be a good crop year. Then the change for the better was marvelous. this consistent?

# Calamity is His Business.

Mr. Bryan is still gloating over the troubl n the Fall River mills and finding in that solated incident the evidence that prosperit has not come and is not coming, dently doesn't want it to come. If it did hi occupation as a calamity howler and his hopes of the White House would be gone. So he sticks to Fall River business, he nation and which was looked upon as as every one knows, the trouble is the re sult of local and not general conditions New England mills being at a disadvantage n competition with southern mills because of location-he sticks to that comparatively nsignificent affair and refuses to admit tha ney is cheap and easy for any one who has security to give; that hundreds o housands of men have been put at work b he opening of the mills since he was de feated, that business men are jubilant over ncreased trade and bright prospects for the future. But you mustn't blame Bryan Bryan's business is politics. The fellow s to be blamed is the one who, with the facts of the situation before him, will allow himself to be humbugged by the plausible centleman from the Platte who is making desperate but losing struggle to keep him. elf and the old issue to which he is comnitted before the public.

# Bryan's Stock in Trade.

The calamity wail is still part of Mr. Bryan's stock in trade. He points to the decline of the cotton-spinning industry in Now England and the consequent lowering of the wages of the operatives as evidence milk, eggs, etc. The gold production of the of his pet theory that the country is going Black Hills mines of South Dakota was to the dogs, but he carefully avoids mention of the rise of the cotton-spinning industry in the southern states, where \$80,000,000 of proclaimed, would be hopelessly bankrupt capital is now invested and thousands of people are beginning to produce wealth and have done as well. Colorado led with a total earn wages at an employment formerly peuliar to New England. Nor of the distinct betterment of business

ther farm products. Montana surpassed and of industrial conditions during the last clorado on account of her immense copper year, of which there is ample evidence in output, besides which vast sums came from trade reviews and clearing house reports ner great heeds of cattle and sheep. Idaho, does Mr. Bryan make mention. For example, Oregon and Washington increased their agribe omits to state anywhere in his speech ultural croducts and also the yield of their that the total number of failures in 1897 was only 13,351, against 15,088 for 1896; that the When we contemplate such facts as these average liabilities of the failed firms was we see how the west, which suffered the most only \$11,559 for 1897, against \$14,992 for 1896; nd the longest from the panic, is the first that the total liabilities of failed firms in to show complete revival. At present the 1897 amounted only to \$154,332.071, against tide of prosperity is beginning to run high. \$226,096.834 in 1896; and that in total amount but there is no indication that it is yet at the of liabilities the failures in 1897 have been flood in the great agricultural and mining section. The northwest has richer agricultural Mr. Bryan says nothing of these things. lands than any other section of the union— Calamity is the meat and drink on which even than Illinois or Iowa. The fertility of he must feed his followers, and these things Dakota farms is marvelous, but it can be are not calamitous understood by ony one who sees the inky

#### Independent Democrats It is this class among democrats to whom

cultivated plants reach the perfection of food Mr. Bryan referred when he spoke of these qualities only nearer the northernmost limits who had made democratic victories in 189 their growth. This is why the finest wheat possible. These he terms "political prodis grown in the Dakotas and Minnesota; the gals," grown weary of feeding on heat potatoes, melons, strawberries and other Their reception has depended upon the spirit field and garden products. The short seasons in which they came back. If sufficiently give them barely time to mature, but the contribe "acknowledging the binding force perfection of their size and flavor is asionish of the Chicago platform and willing to work harmoniously side by side with the The opening up of Jecan and China is who went not astray," they have been fed reorganization indicates confidence at home. West is so much nearer Asia than any other to repent. He "belongs" to no party, but it proves that confidence exists. Of course it proves also that we have a good deal of opare capital. That inspires some financiers with must come with the development of China compilate or recommendation of the substitution of wheat for rice, which mere implements with which he would accapital the United States a creditor and Japan, solves the future of its grain them as he would any other implement pation—that is a money lending nation. We growers nation—that is, a money lending nation. We growers, ought not to be a money lending nation—that The west and northwest are now leading of what is and what is not for the common is, not yet. We can use our money to better every other part of the United States in real good, and he uses any party that he thinks advantage at home if we have the confidence and ability to develop our national resources. them their good fortune.

any fatter calf or banquet, is never a prode cepts Mr. Bryan as its leader recognize this peculiarity of that very obstinate and opinionated fellow, the independent voter,

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

clare that times have grown worse instead of better. What sort of a man is it who can It is now thought that the late Washington Hesing of Chicago left no will, as none has thus far been discovered.

At Hartland, Vt., a cat discovered a chimney fire and uwakened her moster and mistress by mewing at their bedside. It cost a man \$25, plus the legal cost of

esecution, to throw a polecat through reighbor's window at Waterbury, Vt. Ex-United States Minister Hoonis Taylor of Mobile Ala., has received the honorary degree of LL.D. from Tulane university, New Orleans, La.

Nobody has made the claim yet that dollar wheat this year is due to the fine quality of seed sont to their constituents by western congressmen. The semi-annual dividends payable by

Birtford corporations this month aggregate \$1.417,450, the fire insurance companies paying nearly one-half the amount.

An unsuspected number of Ohio legislators their mothers. The band that rocks the cradle seems to rule that portion of the world rather longer than most others. Justice Horace Gray of the United States supreme court will be privileged to retire cext March, when he will reach the age of 70, but us he is vigorous in health he will probably continue in actice service.

On Saturday morning a burglar was caught in a store at Warsaw, Ind., and by 9:30 the same morning he had been tried and sen-tenced to state's prison. Now, why cannot that sort of justice be had every time. A Creadian traveler who has spent a couplo of years in the far northwest, part of the

time along the Peace river, says there are a that country at least four herds of wild ouffulo, numbering altogether not less than Ex-Vice President Stevenson has accepted the invation to deliver the principal address upon the occasion of the unveiling at Char-

otte, N. C., on the 20th of May next, monument to the signers of the Mecklenburg declaration of independence. Mr. Robert Barr, the well known novelist, who was recently arrested and imprisoned by Turkish officials, is now in London suf-fering from a severe attack of malarial fever which he contracted during his march as a

prisoner across the Syrian swamps. In 182 cot on mills in North Carolica there are 1,023,132 spindles and 23,334 looms. South Carolina is ahead, containing in eighty-one cotton mills 1,272,304 spindles and 36,895 froms. These two states lead in the number of epindles and looms of any of the southern states.

Senator Daniel will be the center of the oming celebration of General Lee's birthday in Atlanta on February 19. Senator Daniel accepted the invitation on the condition that an admicsion fee would be charged and the proceeds given to the Confederate Veterans' aggeration,

The design of Mr. William A. Gault of work at the right place to effect the recovery of that precious metal which their fathers once possessed, which the subjects direction of independence, and it will be set up of Charlotte, N. C., and dedicated May up of Charlotte, N. C., and up at Charlotte, N. C., and dedicated may 20, 1898. The monument is to be of granite, "tall, stately, and symmetrical," with a needle-pointed monolith mounted on an Inpiring base. The height of the whole is to e thirty-nine feet; the cost, \$6,000.

### POLISHED TRIFLES.

Indianapolis Journal: "Why is it," asked the cornfed philosopher, without the hope of an answer, "why is it that the small-

Chicago Record: "Somebody is trying to prove that society is responsible for murking people are more prosperous because "Well, that's wrong; society is made up of people who want to kill one another and contention that the Bryan silver plan never do."

Philadelphia North American: "Extraor-dinary fire sale," read the advertisement, "Customers are invited to call and examina goods, which will be found still warm Puck: She-He does not seem to be a

brilliant conversationalist.

He—No; unfortunately, he can't talk on any subject unless he knows something

Boston Transcript: "There is one thing like about volcanoes," remarked the quiet when they smoke they don't use eigarettes,"

Somerville Journal: Hicks we in a university town? Wicks—Yes. Hicks-Then you realize what a difference there is between a full professor and a full student. Detroit Journal: "He's a thoroughly self-

made man, and he ascribes his success to having been taught modeling in clay when "He must be a brick," Philadelphia Bulletin: "They say 'one

swallow doesn't make a summer," said Sippler, as he drained his glass at a gulp, "That's right, too," replied Tippler, who spoke from experience, "but I can prove that it takes precious few of them to make Chicago Post: They were catechising the

"Why is it that you walk in your sleep?" ney asked, "Because I can't ride," he replied.
They held that the answer was full and complete, and let it go at that. THE LADY AND THE ROBBER,

Washington Star.
"Your money or your life!" he cried,
"My quest there is no stopping.
You're richly clad, and well I know That you are going shopping

handed him her purse. He found Car tickets, but not many; Some dry goods samples, chewing gum, A hairpin and a penny

# END-OF-THE-CENTURY PRAYER.

Protect me, Lord, from these Thy saints, the sanctimonious few; Oh, save me from their clutches when my mortgages come due Oh, put me not into the hands of these, the

men of woe,
Who call this earth a "vale of tears" and
strive to make it so.
Oh, guard me from the blue-nosed good who lend at cent per cent, And take a thousand-dollar lien for ninety dollars rent.

dollars rent.

Make me, instead, the debtor of some man with human taints;

At any rate protect me, Lord, from these, Thy modern saints!

Their thoughts are far from mortal life, Their thoughts are far from mortal life, they never, never sin;
They strive to bring to righteousness the very men they skin;
They never go a step astray; they never deign to smile;
They sin not, and they only aim to castigate the vile,
But, oh! why should they count it best with cold and holy arts
To rivet sheet-iron shields around their hard and stony hearts?

To river sneed-from smields around their hard and stony hearts?

Their ears are deaf enough, God wot, to pleadings and complaints,
And so I pray protect me, Lord, from these,
Thy modern saints!

Oh, save me from the sanctified, the too Oh, saye me from the sahchned, the too uncommon good.
Who tell us what we shouldn't do and preach us what we should;
These saints who squeeze a dollar twice and wear cheap aursoles
Will take our children's bread and then attempt to save our souls!

Give me, instead, a worldly man, with some few healthy stains. That show he has the common blood of mankind in his veins.

And heart that swells enough sometimes to overthrow constraints.

But, in my need, protect me, Lord, from self-appointed saints!

The baking powder that will equal Royal in leavening power and purity has yet to be compounded.